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FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL
SERVICE OF GREECE; THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS; AND PRIVATE
TRADE SOURCES:

1. DATES FOR INDEX 1974: OCTOBER 3-9

2. PROVISIONAL DATA ON MOTOR VEHICLES IN CIRCULATION

DECEMBER 31, 1972 AS FOLLOWS:

NUMBER

PASSENGER CARS	302,825
BUSES	11,533
TRUCKS	130,788
TOTAL	445,146

3. ANNUAL GROWTH OF MOTOR VEHICLE CIRCULATION AVERAGED

13.8 PERCENT DURING 1969-1972.

4. ESTIMATED AVERAGE AGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN CIRCULATION,

BY AGE GROUP, AS FOLLOWS ON DECEMBER 31, 1972:

AGE GROUP	PASSENGER CARS	BUSES	TRUCKS
1-3 YEARS OLD	107,561	1,366	33,468
4-6 YEARS OLD	72,285	1,187	24,938
6-10 YEARS OLD	65,586	1,500	28,050

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OVER 10 YEARS OLD 57,393 7,480 44,332

5. GREEK LICENSED DRIVERS: 575,000

6. THREE PLANTS ASSEMBLE BUSES AND TRUCKS IN GREECE.
RENAULT/PEUGEOT PASSENGER CAR ASSEMBLY PLANT IN
INITIAL PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION.

7. PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OF GREEK PASSENGER CAR,
BUS, AND TRUCK IMPORTS DURING 1972 (LATEST AVAILABLE
STATISTICS) WERE: WEST GERMANY (31 PERCENT), ITALY (13.5 PERCENT),
FRANCE (10.2 PERCENT), JAPAN (9.8 PERCENT, U.K. (7 PERCENT),
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (2.5 PERCENT) AND POLAND (2.1 PERCENT)

8. AUTO REPAIR SHOPS THROUGHOUT GREECE NUMBER APPROXIMATELY
6,000, INCLUDING 1,000 IN ATHENS.

9. MANUFACTURERS' "OFFICIAL SERVICE" REPAIR SHOPS IN
GREECE NUMBER ABOUT 40.

10. GREECE'S HIGHWAY NETWORK AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973,
TOTALLED 22,577 MILES WITH 19,740 MILES PAVED. 1974
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR EXPENDITURE
OF \$99.3 MILLION. OF TOTAL, \$16.6 WILL BE SPENT
ON EGNATIA HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION (CONNECTING EGOUMENITSA,
WESTERN GREECE, WITH THE GREEK-TURKISH BORDER); \$36 MILLION
FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORK; AND \$46.7
MILLION ON NEW HIGHWAY PROJECTS.

11. THERE IS NO LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR USE OF AUTO
SAFETY GADGETS (SAFETY BELTS, ETC.). EMERGENCY LAW 170/1967
PROVIDES FOR EMISSION CONTROLS. MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC IS
GOVERNED BY THE "TRAFFIC CODE" INTRODUCED IN 1963 AND
SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED.
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